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Subject - Petition number RM 8626

Dear Sir,

I am in opposition to the petition by
Mr. Maia, W5YI. I believe one-
way noise code transmissions such as
those by W1AW should continue.

Again, I oppose petition number
RM 8626.

Thank you
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April 14, 1995

Ref.: File Number RM-8626

Dear Sir,

I learned of the referenced petition from a copy of ARRL bulletin ARLB034, which a fellow Ham brought to our radio club meeting last Tuesday evening. The bulletin states that Mr. Frederick D. Maia, W5YI, filed a petition for rule making which would eliminate all one-way transmissions such as code practice and information bulletins on the amateur bands below 30 MHz, including those from W1AW.

The Commission is familiar with the services performed by W1AW, which is the station of the American Radio Relay League. The services are provided at no-cost to the listening public, and are a priceless resource to the amateur community across our nation.

Mr. Maia's proposal would cripple this fine service, rendering it virtually useless, if limited solely to one VHF frequency for its various programs. It would effectively eliminate a valuable no-charge source of code practice. According to the bulletin, Mr. Maia says that code practice is now available on computer software, and information bulletins about Amateur Radio can be had on various computer on-line services. This is true, as Mr. Maia is co-author of such material with Gordon West WB6NOA. Furthermore, code practice programs and a publication The W5YI Report, are marketed by The W5YI Group, 2000 E. Randol Mill Rd., #608A, Arlington, TX 76011, along with other ham-related products. The masthead of the W5YI Report lists Fred Maia, W5YI as Editor of that publication. The REPORT, which states it is the "Nation's Oldest Ham Newsletter", if published twice monthly and available only by prepaid subscription from The W5YI Group.

I will not attempt to speculate on Mr. Maia's motivation in filing his petition, as I may not have all of the facts. I feel confident that the FCC will fully investigate all facets and allegations of this matter before rendering its decision.

However, I urge the Commission to reject Mr. Maia's petition on the grounds that it would deprive the Amateur Radio community of a valuable and free resource. In addition, it would effectively remove a competitor from the path of *for profit* purveyors of ham-related educational material, et. al.

Respectfully submitted,


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RM-8626

Secretary
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Dear Sir:

I am opposed to RM - 8626 for the following reasons:

1. I feel that the ARRL provides a valuable service to the amateur community
2. I feel that regulating the ARRL to reduce interference is analogous to curing corns by amputating the feet. The problem could be resolved without terminating bulletins entirely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David J. Hall KD4VIW



cc: Keller & Heckman

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Dear Secretary,

This letter respectfully requests FCC reject in total RM8626 filed by Frederick O. Maia, amateur license W5YI.

As I read filing RM8626, the document effectively eliminates public service from the amateur radio service, that being transmission of public information within the amateur radio frequency bands. Such transmissions are not hardly broadcasts in the sense of commercial AM, FM and television broadcasting services

Through many years of amateur service such valuable public information has included thousands of hours of code training transmissions, hundreds of FCC documents, thousands of documents significant to amateur service need and interest as well as untold safety, health and welfare transmissions before, during and after natural and man-made disasters.

Contrary to Mr. Maia, such information through the alleged 'information highway' is not easily or without considerable initial expense of electronics and continuing access costs, available to a large portion of the amateur service community.

With due respect to Mr. Maia, it appears his enormous commercial interests in the production and selling audio tapes and similar information superceeds public interest. I note for years Mr. Maia broadcast his commercial publication "W5YI Report" over a local Dallas, Texas 2-meter amateur repeater.

To enact RM8626 is to deny unrestricted public access to public information just as I first learned of RM8626 from a transmission by the American Radio Relay League's station W1AW.

Yours truly,

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File No. RM-8626

I am opposed to Mr. Fred Maia's (W5YI) proposal to eliminate all one-way broadcasting on the Amateur Service frequencies.

I am on the SANDARC VEC Staff and I know that many of our young, new Technician Class people are using W1AW to learn the code or to improve their code speed. Not everyone is affluent enough to justify spending \$1500 or more for a computer for code practice.

Had it not been for the code practice sessions on W1AW and a local code practice broadcast on 40 meters I probably would not have upgraded to Extra Class.

Please carefully consider this proposal in the light of its effect on our new hams.

Respectfully,

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